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OBJECTIVES

This project is being carried out at the request of the Leaf Department as a follow-up of the FC-Brazil and Korea studies conducted in 1986 and 1987. Malawian FC and Burley tobaccos of equivalent grades are used. The project is divided into two parts for both FC and Burley :

1. Part one

   This study was initiated in order to collect information on the physical and chemical properties of hand-stripped versus machine-threshed Malawian tobacco, to relate cut-filler quality to strip size and to evaluate the corresponding TLA-type cigarettes.

2. Part two

   The second part was organized to consider the influence of package OV and compression (density) on tobacco strip size and cut-filler size. In order to conserve the OV, tobacco was packed with poly-liners in its country of origin.

STATUS

The evaluation of the results is in progress and we expect to complete the final report before the end of September 1990.

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